

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting -- Wednesday July 13, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall

Present: Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Susan Stamps, Eric Ammondson, John Ellis, Ed Trembly, Becky Edmondson, Tim Lecuivre (Tree Warden), Mike Rademacher (DPW), Jen Rothenberg and Shirley Canniff (Parks and Recreation Commission)

1. Approve June meeting minutes

- Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

• General update

Spring-planted trees are being watered by the contractor. Tim will give us the final list of tree planting locations soon. Mike does not know if the off-berm planting form is ready (to be used by people who want the town to supply a tree that they can plant on their lawn and a list of contractors who can do the planting). Susan to be in touch with him about this.

• Planting by MWRA at Water Tower; Russ Cohen; other shade trees there?

Not discussed.

• Bylaw follow-up

Not discussed.

• Draft of Guidelines/fees for public tree hearings and other pertinent paperwork for an info sheet for building department

Not discussed.

• Publicity for Tim; intro in paper, photo, FB, website

Not discussed.

• Town Day focus this year? Sept 17

Not discussed.

3. Magnolia Park Renovations: Petition to Save Dawn Redwood

Jen Rothenberg and Shirley Canniff of the Parks and Recreation Commission presented the Hedlund Design Group's renovation plans for Magnolia Park and the history of the petition drive to save a large Dawn Redwood in the park. The plans call for removing a number of existing trees, including the two Dawn Redwoods near the garden plots. The renovation is on hold while the Conservation Commission decides whether these trees can be removed. The plan calls for the addition of many more new trees.

Becky moved that the ATC send a statement to Parks and Recreation thanking them for informing us about the proposed redesign and recommending that removed trees be replaced by new trees whose whose diameter in caliper inches equals the caliper inch diameter of the removed trees. John Ellis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Becky to work with Eliza on the statement's final wording.

4. New Business

• Plans to make town sidewalks ADA compliant

The town has been put on notice that sidewalks must be made ADA compliant. DPW has prioritized this work and is developing a longterm. They will make every effort to preserve street trees in the course of this work, but some will need to be removed because their roots are pushing the sidewalk up too high to permit a ramp to be built over them. The public will need to be educated about these plans.

• Update on new Mass. Ave. trees that DOT planted

Tim notified the DOT that all of the trees are planted too deeply and that they should be replanted with their root flares exposed. He does not know whether they are planning to do this because they have not been back in touch with him about it.

- **Apartment landlord willing to water new street trees**

Susan talked with the landlord of the Everett Street Apartments. If the town will plant some street trees on Everett St., he is willing to keep their TreeGator bags full. Susan will enter a request for these trees into the DPW Request Center. The landlord also plans to plant new trees on his property, which lost many trees in the microburst of a few years ago.

- **Kelwyn Manor Tree Committee**

This group promotes tree planting and preservation in Kelwin Manor and puts out a neighborhood newsletter. They want to collaborate with the ATC on projects.

- **Solar panel concerns; ATC statement on our website**

Not discussed.

- **Arlington Receives \$247,943 Competitive Green Communities Grant**

Not discussed.

5. Correspondence Received in June

No correspondence was discussed.

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. August 10